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## **Mark D. Ridley**



### **Deputy Director Naval Criminal Investigative Service**

In July 2010, Special Agent Mark Ridley was selected for his current assignment as Deputy Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). In this capacity, he is responsible for the efficiency and synchronization of five key administrative and operational directorates: Management and Administration, Global Operations, Criminal Operations, National Security, Intelligence and Information Sharing, and two field organizations covering Atlantic and Pacific operations. Special Agent Ridley directs the NCIS strategic planning and policy development processes, serving as the primary advisor to the NCIS Director on all matters involving long, medium and short-range planning. He is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$630 million, and assumes full responsibility for management of the organization in the Director's absence.

Mr. Ridley was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in July 2006 and has 25 years of Federal Service.

From August 2007 through June 2010, he served as the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for Criminal Operations and Investigations. In this capacity, he directed NCIS investigative activities to defeat criminal threats facing the Department of the Navy (DON) personnel, equipment and facilities; established NCIS criminal investigative and crime reduction priorities and performance requirements; and exercised oversight for Criminal Operations and Investigations Directorate strategic planning efforts. Leadership responsibilities encompassed three departments: Economic Crimes Investigations, Crimes Against Persons, and General Crimes Program Direction.

From July 2006 to August 2007, Special Agent Ridley served as the EAD for Middle East and Pacific Operations. He was responsible for the management and operational direction of seven NCIS field offices, one Security Training Assistance & Assessment Team, and numerous subordinate elements located throughout the NW and SW U.S., Hawaii, the Far East, Southwest Asia, the Middle East, and aboard carrier strike groups, as well as expeditionary strike groups. Oversight responsibilities included all counterintelligence (CI), counterterrorism (CT), and criminal investigative activities within the area of responsibility. He was responsible for leading and directing 562 personnel and for managing an annual budget in excess of \$60 million.

In August 2005, Mr. Ridley was selected as the Assistant Director for the newly formed Directorate of Intelligence, entrusted with the agency's worldwide criminal, CI and CT analysis mission. In March 2004, Mr. Ridley was assigned as the Deputy Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Operations with responsibility for worldwide CI investigations, operations and analysis.

In April 2003, Mr. Ridley was selected as the Special Agent in Charge of the newly formed Marine Corps West Field Office, Camp Pendleton, California, and assumed oversight responsibilities for all NCIS operational and investigative activities associated with the Marine Corps bases on the Western U.S. coast.

Mr. Ridley joined the NCIS in 1987, serving in the Long Beach, California Resident Agency. Since that time, he has served in a variety of organizational assignments and mission areas, both within the United States and overseas. He served as a Special Agent Afloat aboard the USS Forrestal in 1990. Mr. Ridley entered the supervisory ranks as the Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) in Sasebo, Japan in 1998. Additionally, he has served as a Supervisory Special Agent in the NCIS Field Office Carolinas, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mr. Ridley has also served as a RAC for the NCIS Resident Agency Camp Pendleton, California, with responsibility for NCIS activities at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar; Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; and MCAS Yuma, Arizona.

Mr. Ridley is a graduate of the University of Nevada with a degree in criminal justice. He earned a master's degree in justice administration from Norwich University in 2007.

During his tenure with NCIS, Mr. Ridley has received numerous awards and honors, including the International Narcotics Officer Award. He was a recipient of the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1996.

Mr. Ridley was awarded Special Agent Credentials in 1987 and holds TS/SCI (with polygraph) security clearances. His professional affiliations include the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).